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SUBJECT: CULTURAL EXCHANGE: DELEGATIONS ON MANAGEMENT EXCHANGE

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- 1. MCMANUS HAS ADVISED THAT HE RECEIVED MILNER CABLE REGRETTING THAT SOVIETS UNABLE TO RECEIVE HIM IN MAY. MILNER TELEX MADE NO REFERENCE TO VANCE VISIT AND INSTEAD OF SUGGESTING JUNE OR JULY (AS INTIMATED EARLIER TO EMBASSY REF B), LEFT TIME FRAME FOR FUTURE MCMANUS VISIT OPEN.
- 2. REQUEST EMBASSY RELAY FOLLOWING FROM MCMANUS TO MILNER:
- -- APPRECIATION FOR MILNER RESPONSE;
- -- HOPE THAT MCMANUS TRIP CAN BE MADE IN JUNE TO PERMIT UNCLASSIFIED

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TIMELY FOLLOW-UP ON VANCE/MILNER DISCUSSION AND LAY GROUND FOR REQUISITE ARRANGEMENTS TO GET EXCHANGE UNDERWAY WITH US ACADEMY OF MANAGEMENT;

- -- NOTE THAT JULY WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE GIVEN OTHER MCMANUS COMMITMENTS; AND
- -- CONFIRMATION IN PRINCIPLE THAT MILNER'S INSTITUTE CAN

ARRANGE ACCOMDATIONS FOR WIFE AND CHILD ACCOMPANYING MCMANUS AT PERSONAL EXPENSE (I.E. INTOURIST PROCESSING NOT NEEDED AT THIS END).

- 3. IN CONVEYING MESSAGE, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO STRESS CLOSE CONNECTION BETWEEN VANCE AND MCMANUS VISITS -- LATTER STANDS TO BE ASKED BY US ACADEMY OF MANAGEMENT TO MAKE SPECIFIC ARRANGEMENTS. IF SOVIETS ARE SERIOUS ABOUT EXCHANGE, THEY SHOULD MAKE EFFORT TO MATCH POLICY GUIDANCE FROM VANCE/MILNER DISCUSSIONS WITH WORKING LEVEL REPRESENTED BY MCMANUS. SINCE ACADEMY HAS NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH SOVIET PROGRAMS, IT IS DESIRABLE TO GET MCMANUS ORIENTED AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE.
- 4. FYI. ACADEMY NOW HAS TENTATIVE PROMISES OF US PRIVATE INDUSTRY CONTRIBUTIONS AND DEPARTMENT WILL CONSIDER FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY SUPPORT IF GOOD PROGRAM JELLS. WE ARE UNABLE TO EVALUATE DEPTH OF MILNER'S INTEREST, BUT EARLIER PROPOSALS APPEARED TO HAVE MERIT AS EXPANSION OF EXCHANGE ACTIVITY SCOPE. WE HAVE SUGGESTED TO VANCE THAT EMBASSY OFFICER, IF AVAILABLE, MIGHT BE INCLUDED IN SOME OF HIS SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS IN MOSCOW, SINCE VANCE'S LACK OF EXPERIENCE TENDS TO LEAVE DETAILS UNCLARIFIED.

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